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RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Posts with CLASS capability should not send clearance requests to San Salvador unless a CLASS check indicates derogatory information on file at the U.S. Embassy.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Birth certificates are available for all persons born in El Salvador with the possible exception of some persons born in outlying villages or rural areas. The certificates are issued by the Civil Registry (Registro Civil) of the city or village where the birth took place. The applicant should submit his or her full name, date of birth, and names of parents to the appropriate Civil Registry. Requests should be addressed to "Alcaldia Municipal de Registro Civil (name of city or village)."

Marriage Certificate

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Marriage certificates may be obtained from the Civil Registry of the city or village where the marriage took place. Requests should be addressed as shown under Birth Certificate and should include the names of both parties and the date of the marriage. Religious weddings are not considered legal in El Salvador; therefore, church marriage certificates should not be accepted. Also, El Salvador has two different marriage documents. An "ACTA MATRIMONIAL" is the equivalent of a marriage license and does not constitute marriage. A "PARTIDA DE MATRIMONIO" is the only valid marriage certificate.

Police Record

(TL:VISA-363; 03-06-2002)

Available. The National Civilian Police's (PNC) Department of Solvencias provides visa applicants with police clearance certificates which have shortcomings. The clearance certificates, which include a photo of the subject and the signature of a police officer, are readily available to visa applicants, but certify only that a person does not have a pending case against him or her in the criminal justice system. It is not a criminal history record. Example: A person with a long serious criminal history could get a clean police certificate as long as he had served his sentence and/or compensated the victims. Also, anyone charged with a crime who fled the country or escaped custody and returned after the statute of limitations had expired would not have a record under the police clearance process. Only if a case was still pending in the courts, or a sentence being served, would the person not be able to obtain a police clearance certificate.

Individuals cannot currently obtain records of their criminal histories.

To obtain a police clearance certificate, an applicant must apply in person at the PNC's Department of Solvencias. He must present an application, two facial photos - one frontal and one right side with the ear uncovered - and pay 6 colones (about 70 cents). Processing time is usually four work days.

Applicants outside of El Salvador must initiate the application through the nearest Salvadoran consulate or embassy. Processing time depends on how quickly the consulate forwards the information to the Department of Solvencias.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. A “Constancia de Antecedentes Penales” is available from the Director General de Centros Penales y de Readaptacion as certification of prison records (or the lack thereof).

Military Record

(TL:VISA-176 02-06-1998)

Available. Soldiers leaving military service receive a discharge certificate. Certificates can be obtained from the personnel office of the general staff of the appropriate service.

Other Documents

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

Available. Divorce and Death Certificates are available from the appropriate Civil Registry. Full names of persons involved and date of event must be included in the request.

NOTE: Extracts from civil records may be typed on stamped paper (papel sellado) or may consist of photocopies of registry books. Either type of extract should be signed by Civil Registry official and should bear the rubber stamp seal of that office.

Passports: Information on Travel Documents

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The El Salvadoran Foreign Ministry issues diplomatic passports which have dark green covers, but which are, in all other respects, identical with the older versions with black covers.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-176; 02-06-1998)

San Salvador (E)
Address: APO AA 34023-3114

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA-1135; 02-26-1993)

All of El Salvador.